

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 11866 161721Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 IO-13 SSM-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00
PM-05 H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01
PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 ACDA-07 OMB-01 TRSE-00
/093 W

-----055062 161933Z /53

R 161605Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1039
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
/AMEMBASSY LONDON 8021
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
USINT BAGHDAD
USMISSION SINAI
USMISSION USUN

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 11866

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UR, US, XF, PLO
SUBJECT: PRAVDA CRITICIZES SECRETARY'S M.E. TRIP

1. AUG 16 PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY MEDVEDKO
DESCRIBES SECRETARY'S M.E. TRIP AS FAILURE, AND LINKS IT
TO OUTMODED "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY," WHICH MADE M.E. SETTLE-
MENT DEPENDENT ON SATISFACTION OF ISRAELI DEMANDS AND
SECURING OF "IMPERIALIST INTERESTS OF USA" IN REGION.
HE CITES FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES AS CHARGING THAT RESULTS
OF VISIT HAVE CAUSED "OPEN DISAPPOINTMENT IN GOVERNMENT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 11866 161721Z

CIRCLES OF USA."

2. AS HAVE PREVIOUS COMMENTARIES, ARTICLE SEES
PRIMARY REASON FOR MISSION'S LACK OF SUCCESS IN
WASHINGTON'S "OPEN, PRO-ISRAELI COURSE." AUTHOR
ALSO STATES THAT SECRETARY'S FIRST CONTACTS IN
CAIRO SHOWED THAT "CERTAIN CIRCLES" (I.E., U.S. AND

EGYPT), ARE NOT AGAINST SUPPLANTING GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH SOME SORT OF INTERIM FORUM WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF PLO.

3. CENTRAL PRESS ALSO CARRIES TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE ON WH STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY AND NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR. ARTICLE IS FACTUAL, BUT HIGHLY SELECTIVE, MENTIONING ONLY THREE POINTS: CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF PRINCIPLED DIFFERENCES AMONG ARABS AND ISRAELIS, U.S. INTENTION TO REMAIN IN "CLOSE CONTACT" WITH SOVIET UNION, AND U.S. PLAN TO CONTINUE CONSULTATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISAREL

4. COMMENT: SELECTIVE TREATMENT OF WH ANNOUNCEMENT AND EXPLICIT CRITICISM OF SECRETARY'S TRIP AND U.S. ME POLICY IN GENERAL INDICATE THAT SOVIET LEADERSHIP CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACT TO PROMISED U.S. BRIEFINGS WITH CONSIDERABLE INITIAL SKEPTICISM. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, SOVIET FEAR THAT "WORKING GROUPS" IDEA WAS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO EXCLUDE PLO, BUT ALSO TO EXCLUDE SOVIETS, HAS SURFACED ONLY ONCE IN CENTRAL PRESS (AUG 12 PRAVDA), BUT WE EXPECT THAT THIS REFLECTS UNDERLYING AND REAL SOVIET ANXIETY OVER WHAT THEY FEEL MAY BE U.S. ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE THEM FRMM ME SETTLEMENT PROCESS.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 11866 161721Z

TOON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 16-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MOSCOW11866
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770295-0814
Format: TEL
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770858/aaaabwmy.tel
Line Count: 95
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 38d7f759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1589413
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRAVDA CRITICIZES SECRETARY'S M.E. TRIP
TAGS: PGOV, UR, US, XF, PLO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/38d7f759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009